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1. SUMMARY: INDIAN REP GAVE BRIEF PHILOSOPHICAL
STATEMENT ON THE "CORRECT" APPROACH TO VARIOUS QUESTIONS
IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT. NETHERLANDS REP GAVE THE
CTB AND CW THE HIGHEST PRIORITY FOR THE CCD, AND SPOKE
BRIEFLY ON SEVERAL OF RELATED PRINCIPAL ISSUES. ON THE
STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES OF THE CCD, HE SUPPORTED THE
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CANADIAN VIEWS EXPRESSED EARLIER ON CINSIDERING MEMBERS
AS INDIVIDUAL, SOVEREIGN STATES RATHER THAN AS MEMBERS
OF LOOCS, AND CRITICIZED THE MEXICAN PROPOSALS FOR
REPLACEMENT OF THE CO-CHAIRMANSHIP. MEXICAN REP RESPONDED
BRIEFLY. END SUMMARY.

2. THE CHAIRMAN-OF-THE-DAY, ARIAS-SCHREIBER (PERU),

EXPRESSED CONDOLENCES TO RAMANIA AND BULGARIA FOR THE CONSEQUENCES FOTHE EARTHQUAKE WHICH STRUCK THEIR COUNTRIES. ROMANIAN AND BULGARIAN REPS THANKED CHAIRMAN AND CCD FOR EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY.

3. INDIAN REP (JAIN) MADE BRIEF PHILOSPHICAL STATEMENT ON CURRENT APPROACHES TO DISARMAMENT. HE CRITICIZED THE CONCEPTS OF BALANCE OF TERROR OR MUTUAL ASSURED DESTRUCTION, CLAIMING THESE DOCTRINES IMPLIED A LEGITIMIZATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND THAT WORLD PEACE CANNOT BE BASED ON FEAR. WORLD PEACE, HE SAID, CAN BE BUILT ONLY ON DISARMAMENT AND JUST ECONOMIC ORDER. HE CRITICIZED THE CONCEPT OF ARMS CONTROL, NOTING ADVERSE AXAMPLES OF CONTROL AND SAID THIS CONCEPT SHOULD BE REPLACED BY THAT OF ARMS LIMITATION, CITING SALT AS AN EXAMPLE OF THIS APPROACH. THE SAME CONCEPT SHOULD BE USED IN MULTILATERAL FORUMS. HE THEN NOTED THAT THE INDIANS HAD IN 1964 INTRODUCED THE TERM "NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS", WHICH COVERS THE TWO ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM -- VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION. THE PRPBLEM OF NON-PROLIFERATION COULD NOT BE SOLVED BY UNQQUAL TREATIES OR CARTEL TYPE ARRANGEMENTS. ALTHOUGH THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DEMANDS THE PREVENTION OF PROLIFERATION, IT ALSO IXNSISTS ON THE PROLIFERATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY; THE LATTER A CORNERSTONE FOR A JUST ECONOMIC ORDER. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THE HEART OF THE PROBLEM WAS A COMPLETE STOPPAGE OF THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, AND A CUTOFF IN THE PRODUCTION OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL FOR WEAPONS PURPOSES. ALL NUCLEAR FACILITIES WOULD BE PEACEFUL AND ALL SUBJECT TO THE SAME SYSTEM OF VERIFICATION WITHOUT EXCEPTION.

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4. NETHERLANDS REP (VAN DER KLAUW) BEGAN BY SAYING THAT HIS GOVERNMENT'S STATE SECRETARY FOR DISARMAMENT AND UNITED NATIONS AFFAIRS, DR. KOORJMANS, LATER IN THE SESSION WOULD SPEAK MORE EXTENSIVELY ON THE DIFFERENT ISSUES BEFORE THE CCD. NETHERLANDS REP GAVE CTB AND CW THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES FOR THE CCD. HE WELCOMED THE SWEDISH DRAFT CTB TREATY AND NOTED THE SEISMIC EXPERTS WERE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS. HE WAS PLEASED AT THE SOVIET POSITION REGARDING ON-SITE INSPECTIONS, BUT NOTED THAT MANY DIFFICULT PROBLEMS REGARDING SUCH INSPECTIONS REMAIN TO BE SOLVED. TOW OTHER PROBLEMS WERE THE "UNWARRANTED" LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEMAND THAT ALL NUCLEAR POWERS MUST JOIN A CTB FROM THE OUTSET, AND PNES. HE DOUBTED THAT POSSIBLE ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF PNES JUSTIFIED HOLDING UP THE CONCLUSION OF A CTB. HE CONCLUDED THAT, WHILE WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO PRODUCE A CTB, SIGNS OF A BREAKTHROUGH ARE EVIDENT.

5. WITH RESPECT TO CW, NETHERLANDS REP WELCOMED THE SIGNS OF "SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL PROGRESS", COMPLIMENTED THE UK DRAFT, AND SUPPORTED THE ITALIAN PROPOSAL FOR A WORKING GROUP AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME. IF A WORKING GROUP COULD NOT BE SET UP BEFORE THE SUMMER SESSION, THE WORK-PROGRAM AND PRIORITIES OF THE WORKING GROUP SHOULD BE DISCUSSED WITH THE EXPERTS THIS SESSION. HE SAID THE INFORMAL TALKS WITH EXPERTS SHOULD BE BETTER STRUCTURED THAN IN THE PAST. HE SUGGESTED THAT USEFUL TECHNICAL WORK COULD BEGIN NOW, CITING VERIFICATION OF THE DESTRUCTION OF STOCKPILES, FOR WHICH BASIC POSITIONS SEEM TO BE NEAR CONSENSUS.

6. NETHERLANDS REP NOTED BRIEFLY ISSUE OF NEW MASS DESTRUCTION WEAPONS (MDW) AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE A MORE COMMON GROUND ON THINKING OF THIS SUBJECT COULD BE REACHED, BUT SAID IT SHOULD NOT DIVERT ATTENTION FROM PROBLEMS OF EXISTING WEAPONS.

7. IN REGARD TO STRUCTURE AND PROCEDURES OF THE CCD, HE SAID HIS GOVERNMENT SUPPORTS THE VIEW EXPRESSED EARLIER BY CANADA THAT MEMBER SHOULD BE THOUGHT OF AS INDIVIDUAL, SOVEREIGN STATES RATHER THAN AS MEMBERS OF BLOCS. IN THIS REGARD, HE OBSERVED THAT THE MEXICAN PROPOSAL TO ABANDON THE CO-CHAIRMAN SYSTEM WOULD STRENGTHEN THE BLOC SYSTEM AT THE SAME TIME, POSSIBLY DIMINISHING THE INDIVIDUAL ROLES OF CCD MEMBERS.

8. MEXICAN REP SAID THAT NETHERLANDS REP HAD POSSIBLY MISUNDERSTOOD MEXICAN SUGGESTION. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEXICAN APPROACH WAS TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM OF CO-CHAIRMAN, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUT HE INDICATED THAT THEY WERE FLEXIBLE AND SUGGESTED THAT TIME OF ROTATION OF CHAIRMEN BETWEEN THE BLOC REPRESENTATIVES COULD BE REDUCED FROM ONE YEAR TO ONE CCD SESSION. AN ADVANTAGE OF THE BUREAU HE SAID WAS THAT CHAIRMAN COULD CONSULT THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OTHER TWO GROUPS, WHO WOULD SERVE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN. NETHERLANDS REP REITERATED HIS POINT THAT MEXICAN PROPOSAL WOULD FORMALIZE BLOC ARRANGEMENTS TO GREATER DEGREE.

9. NEXT PLENARY MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 10. CATTO

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